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Washington, Thursday, Jan. 2, 1862. HE RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS AND BELLIGERENTS ON THE OCEAN.

f is doubtful whether all the correspondence ween this and European Governments, ching the rights of neutrals and belingerents no the ocean, called for by Senator Summer's resolution, will be communicated to the Senate. Enough will be made public, however, to show develop some curious facts. that Russia, Spain, and the smailer maritime powers, are almost ready to accede to Mr. Marcy's dectrine, by which private property is guaranteed the same immunity on the ocean as on land; that France is not far behind them. and that Great Britain alone, despite her recent championship of neutral rights, stands by her all their property of every description; charges lets through her sides. One of these shots passed

The publication will, without doubt, contribute to the success of a movement in the right direction, already on foot in England. The earliest letters date back to 1856, soon after the Congress of Paris adjourned. Some of the ablest in the collection are from Mr. Mason, the predecessor of Mr. Faulkner. Mc. Pickens's dispatches from St. Petersburg are full of interesting conversations on the subject State or Territory, and proceedings be, in rem. States from which each company bails. between himself and Gorchakoff, which are perhaps too free and easy to be made public. The whole subject will probably be discussed when the resolution is answered.

SENATOR WILSON'S SUTLER BILL. Senator Wilson introduced the following bill to-

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The City Police, in new uniforms, want for each such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such right such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence as shall lead to a conviction for any such such evidence.

GENERAL TAX AND TARIFF EILLS.

The Sub-Committee of Ways and Means are engaged in preparing a general Tax bill, which will be the basm of a National currency. The Committee's idea is to raise money enough to sustain the credit of the Government, though hange. the tax may, for the time being, be more than beavy.

The Committee is also maturing a tariff crease the duties on many articles of general consumption.

THE MORTALITY OF THE POTOMAC ARMY. Official information received at the Medical Department of the Army of the Potomne Indians. This blanket was made by a square of a

probably break the blockade, the gallant com- The Department has the official last of 117,000 upon it being of white, red, and blue. produce replied that when such an event oc- soldiers, and the health of this large body of curred, half a million of men would at once men, notwitastanding their exposure, is better precipitate themselves upon the Rebel States, than smong an equal number of men any-

The commodore evidently had an idea of a law abolishing the ports of entry in the Rebel States. It is believed it would prevent foreign Governments from discussing the ques- sylvania Cavalry Regiment, as ordered to-day:

destistly communicated, containing the names of 1,400 officers for confirmation. Great anxi-HE RIGHTS OF REUTRALS AND ety is manifested by the friends of many of Col. Charman's 8th Pennsylvanicare included in the

Garret Davis's Senate bill declares to be alien enemies all persons in the so-called Con-night. This steamer, on her reconnoitering trip up federate States in civil or military service, and Occoquen Bay lately, scattered the Rebels with three all who give aid and comfort to said States; and forfeits to and vests in the Federal Government, without any legal proceedings whatever, against the Confederate States \$5,000 for every through the head of the captain's berth. soldier and sailor of ours killed or dying in this war and leaving wife, child, or widowed mother: and makes them hable for damages done to persons or estates of loyalists to the South. Suits may be commenced by parties entitled to been ordered to report to Gen. Lane at Fort Leavthese damages in any U. S. Court in any enworth. The line officers will be selected from the against any property fortested to the U.S. to bring suits.

THE CASE OF GEN. BENHAM. The statement that the charges against Gen. Benham have been dismissed is erroneous. On an examination of the number of witnesses is this case, it was found impossible to bring subject of formal investigati them here without detriment to the servicemost of them being in Kentucky and Missouri. The case is postponed. Gen. Benham will not, House of Congress to-day.

shall be completed, it is the purpose of Secreers in our bands South, to be exchanged for thoroughly scattered.

SINGING AMONG THE SOLDIERS.

Col. John Cockrane has introduced singing into his regiment in which all the men and officers are expected to take part, and has established daily religious services through the regimental chaplain. "John Brown's soul is marching on," chorussed by a thousand men at the standard of the sta

that is commissioned officers of each unsatisched regiment; and the genumberoned officers of each unsatisched regiment; and the foreign Ministern and attachée, in full Court of the foreign Ministern and attachée, in full Court of the foreign Ministern and attachée, in full Court of the white refogeer, were constructed as selection of a solie enter of said regiment, and the foreign Ministern and attachée, in full Court of the Washington. The refugees represent that if our dress, and afterward the Army and Navy officers in uniform, formally paid their respects to the President and the same way as on original speciment.

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Gen. Kelly's men have opened the railroad seven which is strongl

Nearly the entire Diplomatic Corps, after leaving the White House, made a complimentary call on the Secretary of State at his residence, where they and other visitors were cordially received and entertained. Lord Lyons and Baron Stockl were not, it

The City Police, in new uniforms, were present,

Lieut.-Gen. Scott does not design an early visit to orders by the Commander-in-Chief.

Washington. OPERATIONS AT THE TREASURY. The Treasury is paying off its own notes, furnish

ing only small amounts of specie for purposes of road workmen between Paxton's Cut and Cherry BUAUTIFUL PRESENT FOR MRS. LINCOLN.

Among the crowd at the President's mansion, and of marked prominence, yesterday, was Major W. F. bill, the provisions of which will largely in. M. Arny, successor of Kit Carson, U. S. Indian Agent track. in New-Mexico. He wore a full suit of buckskin. made in Mexican style, and elegantly embroidered with beads. He privately procented to Mrs. Lincoln a splendid blanket as a New-Year's offering. It is a evidence of the teste and skill of the Rocky Mountain states that the mortality is loss, in proportion Navajo chief, she having been employed upon it for ship Maccelonian, from St. Thomas.

that for the sake of Cotton England would to the number, than in any American city. five months. It is of large size, of wool, the figures

Major Arny says there are about 10,000 Navaioes in New-Mexico, who own, with the Mexicans in the Territory, probably a million of sheep, which are used principally for food; the autoals remain unshorn of the wool, which would make good blankets and clothing for our troops.

The Government is considering the policy of PROMOTIONS IN THE THIRD PENNSYLVANIA CAVALRY.

The following are the promotions in the 3d Penn-Rebel States. It is officiency of our blockade. The same Company A, to a Captaincy in the new way to cure all possible desire for war with this country on the part of the inefficiency of our blockade. The same Company A, to a Captaincy in the same company Company B, to be not put down American be selected hold of by both England and France Gompany E, Lieut. Snead, Company E, Lie

The Stepping Stones came up from the flotilla last well-directed shots from her 24-pounder rifled gun, the shells bursting right in the midst of Rebel so diers; but on her return she was followed by riflemen, who, concenled behind trees, fired several bul-

The new Rebel battery is on Possum Nose, this ide of Cockpit Point, and is, therefore, the rearest charges them with the value of the impaired battery to tals city. At least one heavy rifled gun is constitutions and disabilities of our troops, planted there, as shells have been fired into the mouth of Mattawoman Creek.

THE MECHANIC FUSILEERS.

Col. Wilson's regiment of Mechanic Fusileers has

Captains Soutslek and Wilkes, and Naval Conas mentioned. Five years are given in which structer Pook, compose the Board secently appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, to examine and report upon certain inventions which promise usefulness in that branch of the service.

THE NEW YEAR'S FIRING ON TUESDAY NIGHT It is reported that the continuous firing throughout Tuesday night by our troops in Virginia, is to be

NO QUORUM IN CONGRESS. A quorum of members was not present in either

IMPORTANT FROM MISSOURI.

Br. Louis, Thorsday, Jan. 2 1969 Dispatches received at headquarters announce the capture of the notorious Jeff, Owens, Col. Jones, and by us into the robel lines through Fort Monroe fifty of their bridge-burning gang, bear Mar losburg. Adrian County, by Gen. Schofield, Commander of the State Miliria, and the notorious guerrilla bands tary Cameron to send all the remaining prison-

Chief Clerk, and extend back for a series of years.

under a strong guard, and proceed this merning to Washington. Among the principal personages of this group are W. D. Shepard, late a captain in the robel service; Abraham Shepard, his brother, a member of a Shepardstown volunteer corps, and several civil officers who undertook to execute the rebel laws in Morgan County. They are all sent to Washington, in conformity with the late general

A private dispatch from Williamsport last night states, that about 3 p. m. yesterday a rebel force (number not given), with one gun, attacked the railitun, il miles east of Hancock. They were repulse and conted by the Union protective force, with a loss of 20 killed. The assailants were protecting the rebel laborers, who were engaged in taking up the

Jackson, with his whole available force, is said t be preparing to move against Gen. Kelly at Han

UNITED STATES SHIP MACEDONIAN. At anchor off Boston Light, United States

APRIVAL OF THE ARIEL FROM PORT The United States steam transport Ariel, Capt.

Tera ar ived on Thursday morning from Port Royal, which place she left December 28, She brings no news, as nothing of importance has transpired ince our last advices; everything re-

was rapidly progressing. The Ariel brings the following

The foreign many and at the white House, the day of the state of each of the last on containly directly and the state of each of the last one containly directly and the state of each of the last one containly directly and the state of each of the last one containly directly and the last of the last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last of the last one containly directly and the last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last of the last one containly directly and the last of the last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last of the last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last of the last one last one containly directly and the last one last one containly directly and the last one conta ennd bage were supplied them, and these had to be first placed in flat-boats, then rowed out to the stenmer, and again removed to the decks, before the labors of the blacks were completed. The old driv-ers were generally retained, to find out the hands and brig them up to the places where their Isbor was required. As it was Christmas time, and the negroes have always been used to a heliday at this negroes have always been used to a heliday at this hegroes have always been used to a heliday at this season, their willingness to work needed to be increased by the payment of an installment of their dues. They laughed and sang as they rolled the bales or carried the sand bags on their skulls, and broad shoulders, and jumped and danced and bowed and grid to due to the sand bags or them a dime or a quarter of a collection.

> with the estate and with the negroes, so that at any time Government will be able to compensate any of the owners who shall prove to have been loyal. The cotton found on these islands is, as is well known, of a superior quality; it is worth 50 cents a pound on the island, and 75 cents at New-York. It is in ordiit is mixed with silk in tre manufacture of silk and cotton goods; its texture is of the fluest quality, and its culture requires the greatest and most constant care. There are immense quantities of it acred in the cotton houses on these ushands; more even hadeen discovered than was anticipated; at least \$2,000,000 worth are believed to have been already. secured. Since the negroes have discovered that they will be paid for their exertions, they have brought in one that was buried in the interior and manifested reat care to preserve and obtain as much as possible.

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Sure and Sir. 2a. The greetings of friends are at line grateful, but the circumstance under which which a masterly skill, we meet to-right add to the pleasure with which I was the continuous of the rebels, which will afford gratification to their numerous friends.

Quartermaster Murphy of the 38th New-York, who was captured by the rebels at Bell Rug, and imprisoned a Rehmond, from which place he recent ly made his escape, in connection with Mr. Ely, has increased in properties of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington in the curres of eight of ten days of the following prisoners, and the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington to the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at Washington to the following attended to the following prisoners, and the following prisoners, most of whom will report themselves at the following prisoners, and the following prisoners, anot of the following prisoners, and the following prisoners, and t country, join with the Government in its exertions for the preservation of the Republic. So only may ne, by God's good help, restore the national banner when e it has been judely torn, and by conquest win enduring peace and establish our power to cope with traitors at home as successfully as we have rith fore from abrowt.

Mr. Ely retired amid cheers and loud applan e.

ARMY AND NAVY.
New-Year's Day was generally observed at the military and rayal stations here. A few men were at work at the Brooklyn Navy-Yant until noon.

in command.

The United States sloop-of-war Richmond and the

matters of interest. In The Norfolk Day-Book we find the following: A BRILLIANT CONFEDERATE NAVAL ACHIEVE-

MENT.
YESSEL CAPTURED FROM UNDER THE GUNS OF
THE FEDERAL FLEET AND FORTIFICATIONS—
EIGHT FEDERAL GUN-BOATS AND ONE ARMED TRANSPORT IN PURSUIT OF THE CAPTOR-AN

We have the satisfaction of spreading before our readers to-day some of the particulars of a spirited and dashing achievement on the part of Commodors (typneh of the Confederate Navy, on board of his flagship, the Sea Bird, which gallant little steamer mounts a 32-pounder forward and a 12-pounder of the confederate Navy, on board of his flagship, the Sea Bird, which gallant little steamer mounts a 32-pounder forward and a 12-pounder of the confederate Navy, on board of his flagship, the Sea Bird, which gallant little steamer mounts a 32-pounder forward and a 12-pounder of the confederate Navy, on board of his flagship, the Sea Bird, which gallant little steamer mounts a 32-pounder forward and a 12-pounder of the confederate Navy, on board of his flagship that the confederate Navy, on boa mounts a 32-pounder forward and a 12-pounder afi Commander Lynch went down to Sewali Point
on Saturday night and took a position under the gunof our battery at that place, where she remained alnight until Sunday morning, when she essied the
Union steamer Express making out from Newport

KENTUCKY NEWS.

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not sent, we will be likely to have terrible times on this frontier.

An express arrived yestermy from Colonel Waris, from which we learn that his regiment is on the move to aid Cal. Cooper.

Nothing has yet been heard of Capt. Parks and his company. It is feared that they have all coun killed, and White's men are highly exasperated.

We learn that Col. McLutosh, in command of the troops on this frontier, has ordered eight companies of col. Young's regiment, five companies of Col. Green's regiment, and Col. Whithele's battailon to the assistance of Col. Cooper, against Opothicyhols and his Jayhawking alires.

From The Memphis stralenche, Dec 23.

rejoit of When; Suger 23c, to 34c., and Stella see had advanced to 20c, and 21c. The only sales effected

munication with deputations from the Charlestown and Portsmouth Navy-Yards to decide upon some common course of action.

The steamer Connecticut has not left the Yard yet. She is taking on board a number of Parrott guns.

The steamers Sumter and Western World have been ordered by Commondore Paulting to be put into commission at 1 o'clock to-day.

The W. I. soldiers on duty in the city have been paid off for the two months ending 31st December.

1861. They were paid in Treasury notes for the first time since the issue of that species of currency.

FROM LATE SOUTHERN PAPERS.

LUDICROUS REPORT OF A NAVAL BATTLE—ALLEGED CREAT VICTORY IN THE INDIAN COUNTRY.

We have Norfolk papers to the 30th and Memphis to the 23d of December, inclusive. They have some matters of interest. In The Norfolk Day-Book we find the following.

EXPLOSION OF A POWDER-SHILL.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Last night the powdermill opposite this city exploded. The guard inspected the premises a half hour previous. It must
have been the work of an incendiary. All the powder poxcept 1,000 pounds was removed. The saltpeter and brimstone was in another building, and

peter and brimstone was in another building, and was saved. Another mill will go into operation in a few days. The loss is small, and will not affect the Govern-

I have heard of some instances of their giving warning in advance, when their masters or the rebet soldiers contemplated any new burnings.

As for the inning, most of it is to be done in New York, it is the opinion of those who have charge of the work, that it can be learned with ease in a day be many woman of ordinary expacity, and the labor is by no means arduous. Here, it will require engineers and eogmes, as well as gine, and necessitate a whole corps of assistant overseers, for the negroos are

RICHMOND, Dec. 22.—A quel occurred last week on the Peninsula, between Lieut. Jones of the 6th Louisiana and Dr. Forward, a suler in the same regiment. They were both killed at the first life, forty paces. Both bodies have arrived here, on route for Louisiana.